

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-77-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES STATISTICAL REPORTING - POTENTIAL FOR CERTAIN  
FOSTER CARE ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED UNDER TITLE IV-A

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NUMBER 80-39, DATED JUNE 26, 1980, ON THE SUBJECT,  
"COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM"

In All-County Letter No. 80-39, dated June 26, 1980, on the subject, "County Welfare Department Administrative Claim", counties were provided additional instructions for preparation of the July-September, 1980, administrative expense claim. Part of the instructions applied to the potential for charging certain foster care activities to Title IV-A, Foster Care (see Attachment A). Social worker activities that are described under Title IV-A in the attachment are reportable under Title IV-A on Forms SOC 242 and SOC 241.

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

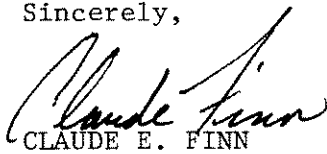
1. For the July-September 1980 report quarter, on Form 1, in the space to the right of the column headed "Title IV-B CWS", add a new column and title it "Title IV-A Foster Care". Report in this column primary recipients who received foster care services potentially chargeable to Title IV-A. This column should contain the same number of line items (5) as do the other columns on Form 1.
2. Do not report primary recipients who received foster care services potentially chargeable to Foster Care - Title IV-A during the July-September 1980 report quarter under out-of-home care services for children on the SOC 242, Form 2A, Line 03. Instead, report such cases separately. On the left-hand side of Form 2B, in the margin at the bottom, write in "Foster Care (Title IV-A)". Then, underneath the shaded area of the column headed "Title IV-C AFDC WIN", enter the number of children who received this service.
3. Complete Form 3B in the same manner as you were instructed to complete Form 2B.

4. On Form SOC 241, Social Services Worker Time Sheet, for the study scheduled for July 15, 1980, report time spent providing such foster care services in the following manner: Enter 04, the code for out-of-home care services for children, in the column headed, "Services Provided", and circle, but leave blank, the box in the column headed, "Reporting or Funding Category". There is no change in the way in which the amount of social worker time spent to provide the service is recorded.

In the event that Title IV-A funding is approved, counties will receive further instructions as to how to report.

Direct any questions concerning statistical reporting on Forms SOC 241 or SOC 242 to David Webber of Statistical Services Bureau at (916) 322-4664 or (ATSS) 492-4662.

Sincerely,

  
CLAUDE E. FINN  
Deputy Director  
Administration

Attachment

cc: CWDA

Attachment A.

TITLE IV-A FOSTER CARE (DFA 46, LINE Q)

Currently, DSS is researching the potential for charging certain social service activities relating to the determination of Federal BHI eligibility to Title IV-A. Effective July 1, 1980, DSS will be modifying the Social Services Time Study (DFA 46) in order to isolate the time spent by social service staff on specific Foster Care activities in the event that Title IV-A funding is approved.

The activities which have been identified as having potential for FFP under Title IV-A begin at the point of application and end at the point the child is adjudicated a dependent of the court under Section 300, or when the child is determined to be federally ineligible. Time should only be charged to Line Q for those cases in which the county is actively pursuing Federal BHI eligibility. Time spent on voluntary placements, as well as other/nonfederally eligible cases, should continue to be charged to Title XX Out-of-Home Care for Children.

Specifically, counties should charge to IV-A Foster Care all services spent performing the following activities:

1. Completion and submission of AFDC-BHI application documents;
2. Any investigation activities/home visit necessary for the development of the foster care plan and/or court reports;
3. Attending judicial hearings for the purpose of establishing dependency;
4. Selection of placement facility (may include preplacement visits, if necessary);
5. Preparation and filing of required court documents necessary to establish the child's dependency. This includes the petition and any other documents necessary to obtain a detention order and/or the initial jurisdiction order;
6. Case documentation for the above activities of foster care cases.